Auburn University's Emergency Response and Homeland Security Program





Emergency Response Training Systems is a privately owned company that is authorized to represent Auburn University in its efforts to provide Public Service and Emergency Management Agencies with state of the art computer based simulation training. Our target audience consists of a variety of decision makers and first responders in crisis management scenarios. This includes but is not limited to the following: Schools; Law Enforcement; Fire; City Government; Ports; Parks and Recreation; Stadium Security; Security Agencies; Hospitals; Emergency Management Agencies; Utility Plants; Transportation Agencies; Prisons; Airports; etc. The simulation software is highly advanced in its capabilities to depict the actual buildings and grounds surrounding the potential crisis site and to present realistic emergency or disaster scenarios which replicate actual situations that the above agencies may encounter. We provide a "turn key" service that encompasses the ability to develop and verify response plans and crisis management procedures through interactive computer based simulations and experienced subject matter experts. Our team will provide the following crucial benefits:

- Engage and train agency/ security managers in decision making from multiple agencies in real-time problem solving
- Train first responders in actions to be taken during an emergency or disaster situation
- Test preparedness plans, leadership and responses to evolving situations
- Provide ideas and action plans for developing stronger intra and inter-agency preparedness

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- Highlight jurisdictional responsibilities and authority
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in existing response plans and provide the basis for improving those plans or creating plans where none now exist
- Expose weaknesses in intra and inter-agency communications
- Reveal strengths and weaknesses in intra and inter-agency teamwork
- Identify gaps and overlapping areas of responsibilities
- Test shifts from crisis intervention to consequence management
- Enhance abilities to inventory available resources to quickly and effectively to meet a crisis, and identify desirable resources that would enhance preparedness
- Increase confidence in real-time decision making under pressure
- Encourage collaboration to solve complex problems
- Strengthen resolve across agencies to improve and reevaluate

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